



THE BLAZE

Having Fun with Our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Swissy family,

For the past six months it's been a challenge to get our "working dogs" off the couch or pillow and into the great outdoors due to weather. But the sun is out and things are a-changin'.

Many of us have games to play to keep our Swissys sharp when they are inside. Some of these games can be used to train dogs for nosework and barn hunt events, for obedience and rally. You will see that several members have new certifications to prove it! You'll see those in our "Congratulations" pages. In the future we'll share some information with you about the new AKC Urban Canine Good Citizen (CGCU), Therapy Dog International (TDI), Trick Dog Novice(TKN) and Farm Dog (FDC) certifications.

Our members have planned two pack hikes to encourage you to walk with your Greater Swiss Mountain Dog and his/her pack. There will be weight pulls at both the September End of Summer Party and the October GSMDCA Western Regional in Pleasanton. Socially, the United Swiss Society of Northern California has invited us and the Berners to parade with the Swiss Flag in Newark on Swiss National Day. Again, we will play with all Swiss breeds at "Swiss Dog Day Afternoon" at Fort Mason.

Check out all events at goldengategsmdc.com/events.html.

Welcome to our new members and new puppies! We are excited about seeing you at upcoming Golden Gate GSMD Club events!

Forever Swissys,
President, Toni Killpatrick.

CALENDAR of ACTIVITIES

July 22	Mammoth Pack Hike
July 30	Dog Day Afternoon at Ft. Mason
Aug 5	Swiss National Day in Newark
Sept 16-17	End of Summer Party & Weight Pull
Oct 20-22	GSMDCA Specialty, Haunted Ghost Town, Halloween Party, Costume Contest, Weight Pull and more...
Nov 4-5	Pack Hike in Ojai

For details of all the above events,
and for a list of dog shows
in Northern and Southern California,
check the Calendar on our web page:

<http://www.goldengategsmdc.com/events.html>

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The objectives of the club shall be:

To encourage and promote quality in the breeding of Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs and to do all possible to bring their natural *qualities* to perfection.

To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs shall be judged.

To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows (obedience and agility trials, drafting and tracking tests).

To conduct sanctioned matches and specialty shows under the rules and regulations of the American Kennel Club.

To have FUN together with our Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs.

SAVE THE DATES—MAKE BIG PLANS!
2017 GSMDCA WESTERN REGIONAL SPECIALTY Weekend



HE'S BACK...AND READY TO MAKE YOUR DAY.

October 20-22, 2017 at the Harvest Moon Classic
Strathern Pavilion at the Alameda County Fairgrounds--Pleasanton, CA

Friday—Supported Entry

Saturday—GSMDCA Western Regional, Sweepstakes and Weight Pull

Sunday—Designated Specialty

High Points Rally & High Points Obedience

Camping/RV available on site. Hitching Post for crating dogs during the days.

(Contact [Toni Killpatrick](#) about reserving spots.)

TROPHY DONATIONS

As we prepare for this three day event, we are taking donations for trophies.
There are two ways that you can contribute in the name of a family or dog you choose.

- Go to our [TROPHY PAGE](#). It is PayPal supported and goes directly to our club.
- Send in a check- If you wish to donate via check, please send to GGGSMDC @ 1515 San Ramon Way
Santa Rosa, CA 95409 c/o Erin Stammer.

This event is recognized by
The Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club of America and
Sanctioned by the American Kennel Club

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ...

Maggie DelPresto & Chase Robbins TUCKER



We would love to join events, socialize our dog, Tucker, and meet other Swissy owners.
We'd like to get Tuck involved in Drafting soon and think he will love it.

Amy & Robert Springer LUCY



We are super excited to be a part of this group!! Lucy is our first Swiss-Who knew she would open doors to meet so many great people! Lucy came to us just 2 weeks before I lost my dad and she quickly became my therapist and couch potato.
So, needless to say, with a full plate of small boys, she does need her manners fine tuned.

Molleigh Preefer

Molleigh, a doctoral student in Santa Barbara, is super excited that her family Swissy Jax became a Champion at Woofstock!



Caledonia Dirty Harry's Number One Son "JAX"
Owners: Jeffrey and Judy Preefer and Donna Zetterquist

... AND NEW PUPPIES



Mike and Janette DeGrendele, Modesto, CA

4-8-17 "Jager"-Landhof's Jaegermeister of Brush Creek, bred by Brigitte Rhinehart and Kathleen Borgmeyer
From Ch. Karhunkierros Wild Waylon "Waylon" and Ch. Landhof's Xela of Brush Creek



Todd and Brenda Krieschel, Arvada, CO

03/19/17 "Boss"-Pine Grove's Slugger's American Gangster
from "Ursa," GCH CH Calypso Pine Grove's Little Bear and "Slugger," Tree N Sea's King's Heavy Hitter at Calypso.



6-8-17 Rodeo Catch Litter-Hogan x Nexpa-3 boys, 2 girls



6-7-17 Black Velvet Swissys - 3 boys, 2 girls

from CH/Int CH Ramsgate's Just What the Dr. Ordered, "Mattie" and GCH CH Matterhorn's Burning Down the House, "Pyro."

EXPLORING WITH YOUR SWISSY



DogTrekker®
Have Dog Will Travel®

In case you are not already familiar with [DOG TREKKER](#), this online magazine is for dogs and their owners who want to explore different areas and dog friendly events. The magazine puts out Events Calendars for both Northern and Southern California.

[Southern California/Central Coast Edition](#)

[Northern California Edition](#)

The June edition features [High Sierra road trips](#) with your dog.

They even have [a mobile app](#)!



Axel McNeill in Truckee

AND SPEAKING OF THE HIGH SIERRA, **MAMMOTH PACK HIKE**



A Mammoth Adventure - Pack hike in Mammoth Lakes CA

Saturday, July 22, 2017.

10 miles reduced to 8 <because of elevation gain>

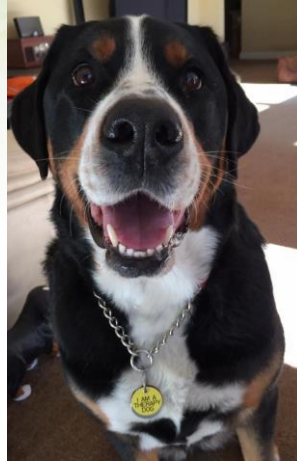
Let's go for a walk to beautiful Barney Lake. We will probably encounter snow, so plan on waterproof shoes.

The dogs will stay nice and cool.

Please RSVP Heidi at

Hcsteenstra@gmail.com or 760-709-1051

HOW TO RECOGNIZE DENTAL DISEASE IN YOUR PET



Dixie Vonada

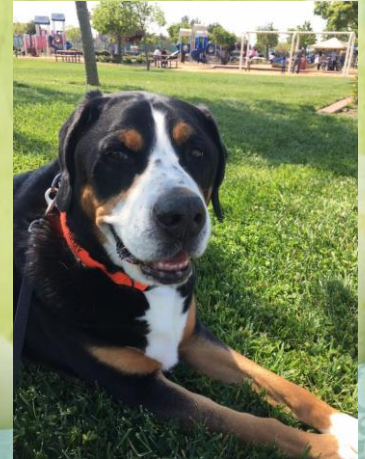
Hi. I'm Doctor Fiona Caldwell and today I'll show you how to recognize dental disease in your dog or cat.

Emily, in the video below, is a fourteen-and-a-half-year-old long-hair dachshund. She's owned by one of our kennel attendants and she's going to help me demonstrate today how to see if your dog has dental disease. Dogs tend to get periodontal disease, meaning that the disease is around the teeth. So there's varying grades or severities of the disease. A grade one may just be some inflammation of the gums and some mild tartar and plaque build-up, whereas a more advanced grade, such as what Emily has, you're going to actually see gum recession away from the tooth and pretty heavy tartar accumulation as well. [How to Recognize Dental Disease in Your Pet](#)

So in addition to being a source of bad breath, dental disease can lead to pain, infection. It can be a source of infection for the rest of the body as well. So being proactive with your dog and your cat's dental health is a great way to keep them healthy.

Emily has more advanced periodontal disease and it's illustrated by the heavy tartar accumulation, which is the brown that you're seeing where the tooth should be white. And then she's actually got some gum recession away from the tartar, especially on these back molars here. You can see the gingivitis with inflammation of her gums and the recession around that tooth. On the incisors here, you can also see that heavy tartar and starting to get some gum recession as well.

To help proactively take care of your dog or cat's teeth, view this video by Dr. Fiona to [learn how to brush your pet's teeth.](#)



Bruno Schmoltdt, Philo Remski, Enzo Stammer and Remy Ching show off their pearly whites.

SCENT GAMES - Educating Your Dog's Nose

by SUZANNE CLOTHIER & JOHN RICE

Long before you pull out the tracking flags, dust off the utility articles or decide that your dog needs to learn how to use his nose, he's busy using his nose to explore his world. The sense of smell is functional at birth, and from the moment he's born, your dog lives in a world rich with scents. All you need to do is teach the dog specifically how you want him to use his astonishing olfactory powers. The easiest way to accomplish this is through games. The Scent Work Games presented below are suitable for any breed at any age from 6 weeks on, but we recommend strongly that these games be a regular part of your puppy's development. All of these games stress reliance on his nose, not his eyesight.

To avoid confusing your dog, we recommend you choose one word which indicates food or dog toys (we use "SEEK"), and a completely different word for objects with human scent or people themselves (we use "FIND IT"). In this fashion, the dog is always clear about WHAT he's looking for with his nose and will not confuse food scents with human scent. One of the most common problems with using food to teach scent discrimination or tracking is that you must ultimately teach the dog that the food is not what you really meant at all!

WHICH HAND?

This is the simplest of all games. With food or a toy in only one hand, present both closed hands to the dog. Ask him, "Which one?" You may improve upon this game by insisting he touch with a paw or scratch lightly at the correct hand before receiving his treat, or simply have his nose bump your hand. If he gets it wrong, show him the correct hand but DO NOT give the treat! Just try again. Add lots of dramatic flair to this - dogs love a good show.



LIGHTS OUT

This one is great fun for the dog. Show your dog a treat (preferably crunchy) or his favorite toy, and then place it out of his sight but easily accessible in a dark room. Tell him to SEEK - follow him in to listen for his success which you will praise enthusiastically. Obviously, the rewards for the dog are multiple - he gets a treat or finds his toy plus a very happy handler. If using a toy, be sure to reward his find with some play before starting again.

When multiple treats or toys are used, this particular game helps to build persistence and trust in the handler. The dog may initially find only 2 out of 3 treats, but he quickly discovers that persistence in searching when you give the SEEK command pays off. He learns to believe you - there really is another one there!

You can increase the difficulty of LIGHTS OUT by hiding the cookies in less accessible places (like in a shoe, or placed on a low shelf.) This can be practiced outdoors as well as in your car, or a parking lot or anywhere else!

HIDE & SEEK

This is a doggy favorite best played at night or in a darkened house initially. Partially open closets are great (closed closets may not allow sufficient scent to escape), as are shower stalls/tubs with the curtain drawn, standing behind an open door, crouching behind a bush, standing very still near a tree (dogs, like all predators, distinguish movement much better than stationary objects) or sitting on a picnic table or laying across your car's trunk, or wherever!

To add to the dog's eagerness (or in the event that you are unable to sneak away or can't leave the dog), have someone hold the dog. They should be verbally exciting to the dog, asking, "Where did she go? What if she gets lost? Can you FIND her?" and release the dog with a FIND IT command.

Give the dog a chance to work it out, but if he passes you more than twice, give him a "clue" by making a noise AFTER he's passed you the third time. A good clue is a distinctive but brief sound, such as clearing your throat or a short whistle that does not allow the dog to find you by using his hearing, but helps him target the general area you are in for further investigation with his nose. However, when the dog finds you, tons of praise is to be heaped upon his head, and of course a treat or two never hurts. Toy motivated dogs will delight in a game of fetch or tugging as a reward.

As the dog gets more skilled at HIDE & SEEK, you can increase the difficulty of the game by throwing a blanket or tarp over yourself, not moving until the dog actually touches you, or even hiding in an area that the dog can smell you, see you (or part of you) but cannot get to you. This is useful for teaching a scratch or bark alert if desired (commonly used in drug work/search and rescue training). ALWAYS praise the dog generously for his brilliance.

WHAT A KLUTZ

This game allows you to show the dog how important his nose is to you. Dogs like to feel useful, and this particular game helps boost a dog's confidence and self importance. As you are walking, discreetly drop an object you have been carrying or held in your pocket. Continue walking for 10-15 steps, then stop as if mildly concerned, patting your pockets and looking around. Here's your chance to really put on a performance! Ask the dog, "Where is it? Can you help? Can you FIND IT?"

Begin walking back towards the spot where you dropped the article, encouraging the dog to sniff the ground by pointing and telling him to FIND IT. As you get closer to the object, give the dog a little room so that he can find it all by himself. If he needs help, try a subtle kick of the object (after all, you are the klutz who dropped it - why not go ahead and trip over it, too?) to bring it to his attention while you pretend not to notice. Once the dog indicates the article, make a huge fuss over this genius who has saved you from dropping an old glove!

Vary the type of article you use, and be sure to include metal objects such as car keys, a crumpled soda can, even a ring or bracelet you have worn. Obviously, be careful when you drop these and be sure you can find them again! Don't use valuable items - just facsimiles. Your dog's ability and willingness to work on metal objects will be helpful in the Utility ring, but more importantly, this skill could come in very handy some day should you lose your car keys. NOTE: Metal/hard objects do not hold scent as well as fabric or leather. This does not mean that your dog can't find them, just that his reaction may be different and he will probably have to work closer to the object before locating it.

The difficulty of WHAT A KLUTZ can be increased by: longer periods of time between the drop and the search, having the object thrown to the side or even off the path you are traveling, and multiple object drops. Especially fun are surprise set-ups where you plant an object along a path before taking the dog that way. You may point out the object to the dog with a question of "What's that?" and praise him for investigating, or walk past it and then send him back with a FIND IT command. This is a great preparation for tracking dogs who must learn to indicate on found items. A final twist for tracking prospects is the addition of objects dropped by people other than yourself. Be warned - this can be so much fun for the dog that he'll gladly show you all the neat trash dropped by other folks along the street, in the rest areas, etc.! John had been shown some unusual objects by his dogs while simply out walking.

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3-2-1-FIND IT

Use a favorite toy or even just a stick that you come across in the woods. After a few moments of playing with object, hold the dog as you throw the object into grass, brush, woods thick enough to lightly disguise the object. The dog may see and "mark" the fall of the object, but as the difficulty of the game increases, this will only help him define the area he needs to search. Once the object has landed and stopped moving, count to 3 before releasing the dog to "FIND IT." You may gradually increase the time before releasing the dog, and of course, the heaviness of the cover (one good reason to avoid mowing your lawn regularly!)

THINGS THAT GET LOST IN THE NIGHT

Using the same rules as 3-2-1-Find It, this game relies on the natural cover of darkness to encourage the dog to use his nose. Instead of marking the fall with his eyes, your dog may listen carefully. Once again, this only helps the dog narrow the area he will have to search. This can be played inside (throwing the object into a dark closet, corner or room) or outside. When beginning this game, don't get too enthusiastic and throw the toy very far. The point of all these games is success, not frustration for the dog. Also, be sure YOU know where the heck it landed in case the dog needs some help.

ONE & ONLY

This is a more advanced scent game, but extremely useful to teach the dog the concept that only one object is desired from a group of similar objects. I normally start this with tennis balls (my dogs' favorites). Play with the dog for several minutes with the One & Only object you'll want the dog to find. This allows your scent (as well as lots of good dog spit) to thoroughly cover the object. Then move off to an area where you have planted several similar objects. Throw the One & Only into that area, using a 3-2-1-Find It technique. If the dog picks up an incorrect object, say nothing as you take it and put it down or pocket it, but with enthusiasm, give the FIND IT command again, leading the dog back to the general area to be searched if needed. Obviously, when the dog gets it right, reward this with a minute or two of play before repeating ONE & ONLY again. This can be combined with the more difficult levels of 3-2-1-FIND IT for really advanced discrimination by the dog.

Once your dog has mastered these games, any formal scent discrimination exercise becomes a snap for that educated nose. Furthermore, you have learned to understand just how powerfully discriminating a dog's nose can be, and to trust that when it comes to working in a world of scent, your best bet is to follow the guy who knows what he's doing - your dog.

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Remy Ching

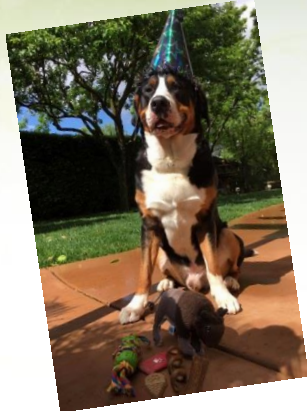


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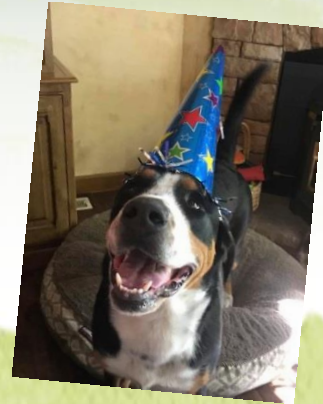


Kallie Allen

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Koda Allen



Bomber Robles



Koda Lehman



Charlie Hernandez



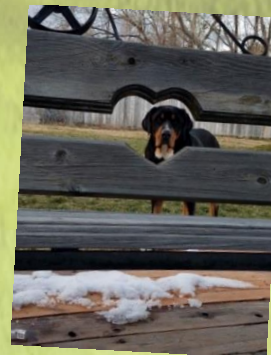
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Black Velvet puppies



Harley Rose

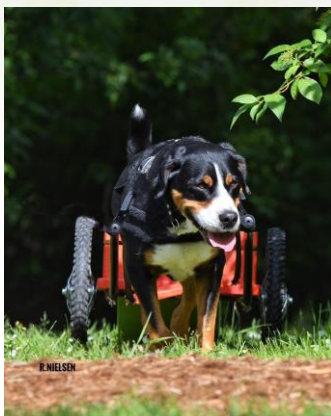


Bruno Schmoldt and Ella Schottinger



TO PULL A CART-DRAFTING

We went to Salem, Oregon, and we gave the Bouvier des Flandres Drafting Trial a go !



Brig earned his Carting Started Title



Fredrick earned the NAWBA (North American Working Bouvier Association) title of NDD "Grandma" Michele Slate cheered Fredrick on.



Emmie earned her Novice Draft Dog Title. Good job, girl! Mia got her Novice Draft Title on April 8th in Costa Mesa, CA





DIXIE-Therapy Dog

by Julie Vonada



Dixie earned her certification from [Therapy Dogs International](#). These are the [requirements](#) she had to meet to be certified.

When we go to the convalescent hospitals, we check in at the front counter and let them know that we're here for pet therapy day. We basically just go down the hall and look at the rooms and ask patients if they want to meet the dogs. Then we go in to the room and Dixie goes up and gets some pets. We chat, and this cheers the patient up.

So far, the visit that made the most impact was to a lady in a wheelchair. She was kind of hunched over and her hands were cramped up into almost a fist. She looked over and saw Dixie, and I asked her if she wanted to meet Dixie. She said yes. Dixie walked up, put her head on the lady's chest, and the lady started to pet Dixie. All of a sudden her cramped hands relaxed and she started petting Dixie. Then she got the biggest smile on her face and started telling me about how her dog when she was a young child, and how much she loved it. By the time we left the lady, she had life back in her eyes and she was smiling and sitting up straight in a wheelchair.

The only new plan that we have on the books is that we will visit a hospital. They really like the therapy dogs in the Emergency Rooms. At the Veterans' building in Yountville, California, the vets really like the dogs to go and visit them. I definitely want to do both. One of the other people who has a therapy dog here works for the DA. He uses his therapy dog for people who are witnesses or victims of crimes. He says when they're questioning the people, the dogs calm them down. Also, dogs are used for going to court to stay with the children while they are on the witness stand. One of things I may look for is a reading program for children to read to the dogs. My very calm Dixie would be very good at that. It is just so neat that when she meets these people, they light up, and smile!

There are other national therapy dog registration/certification organizations that work with people with many needs. These [organizations](#) are recognized by AKC when dogs want to earn the Therapy Dog Title. Here is information about how a therapy dog can get the AKC title. <http://www.akc.org/events/title-recognition-program/therapy/>



CONGRATULATIONS!

LUNA LIGHTS UP THE ROSE CITY CLASSIC

Michele Slate (Ramsgate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs) and Toni Killpatrick witnessed Luna's win over 12 other Champions at the Rose City Classic, one of the largest all breed dog shows in the country.

Luna's new title: BISS Int'lCH GCHS RamsGate's Full Moon Rising JHDg, HTADIs, HTADIIIs, HTADIIIs, HTDIs makes her an accomplished show dog as well as an accomplished herder.

Luna finished the four day event as follows:

Thursday: BOS - Judge James Reynolds

Friday: BOB Judge Brian Meyer

Saturday: BISS - Judge Marjorie Mortorella

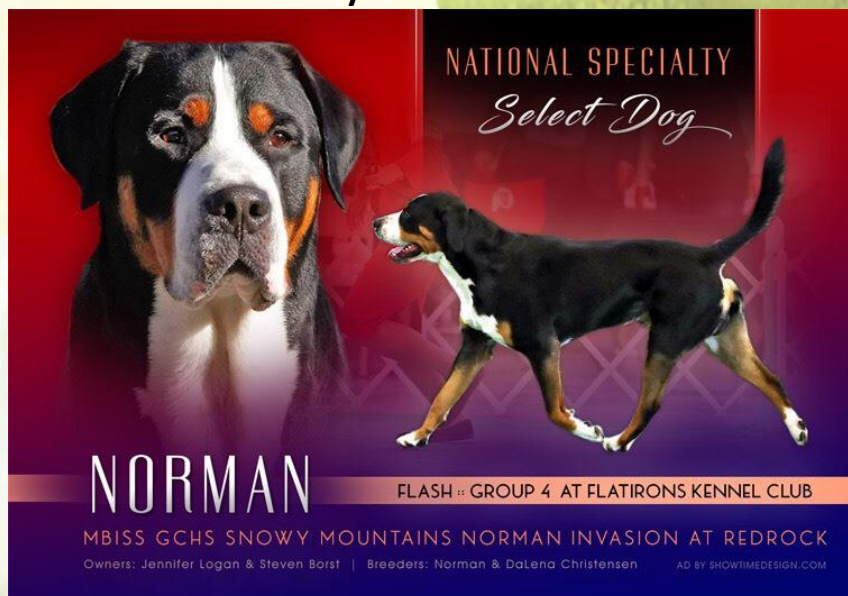
Group 4 - Judge Brian Meyer

Sunday: BOB - Judge John Ronald

Luna is a Riley and Quinn Baby and her ring handler is Annie Oster while her herding handler is Dave Viklund.



NORMAN MBISS GCHS Snowy Mountains Norman Invasion at Redrock



Select Dog, 2017 GSMDCA National Specialty

Bethlehem, PA, May 18

Working Group 4, Flatirons Kennel Club

Longmont, CO, June 4

Big thanks always to his breeders, Norman and DaLena Christensen, his handler Kyle Hennefer, and his beloved Grandma Susan and Aunt Holly.

Owned by Jennifer Logan and Steve Borst, Salt Lake City



Velvet Brown



Father and Son: Jake and Boomer

Thanks to the Cascade Greater Swiss Mountain Dog Club

Wild Rice and Chicken Treats

- 1 cup wild rice (or other rice) mashed
- 1 cup diced or shredded chicken
- 1 Tbsp. fresh parsley, diced (optional)
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 3 Tbsp. rice flour (or other type of flour)
- 1-2 eggs, beaten, as needed to keep dough together

■ Mix all dry ingredients together. Add 1 egg and blend. If mixture isn't holding together, add another egg. Dough should be stiff.

■ Roll dough into small balls, place on cookie sheet that has been lined with non-stick foil.

■ Flatten each ball with the back of a spoon.

■ Bake at 375 degrees until lightly brown, about 15 minutes (depending on size of treat)

■ Cool completely. Store in airtight container in refrigerator for 3 days or freeze.



Tuna Training Treats

- 2 tins of tuna (7 ounce) in spring water.
- 1/2 cup feta cheese.
- 1 egg.
- 1 cup oats.
- 1/2 cup grated cheddar cheese
- 1 cup rice flour.

■ Turn oven on at 350 degrees F.

■ Put all tuna (and the water in tin) in a bowl, then add feta cheese and stir.

■ Add the egg, cheddar cheese and oats and mix.

■ Last of all mix in the rice flour. The dough will be soft and sticky.

■ Line a baking tray with non-stick foil and spread out the dough so it covers the entire tray (be careful not to make it too thick or your treats will be too big)

■ Place in the oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Take treats out and let them cool.

■ Cut them into thin strips, then tear the strips into as small a treat you can – or to a size to suit your dog.



Top: Bruno Schmoltdt
Middle: Charlie Hernandez
Bottom: Draven

More CONGRATULATIONS!

MURDOCH

Grand Sieger BIS INTL CH AM CH Rodeo's All About Murdoch A Soldier Of Fortune,
BN, RN, THD, HT, TKN, FDC, CGCA, CGCU, NWPD, WWD, RATI

He also has 1 leg towards his RATN (rat novice title)!



Received his 4th leg for his WWD (weight pull title) and received most weight pulled 1310#.

BISS GCHB CH Wildest Dream Genuine Rock N Roll RN, RA, CD, HIT "ROCCO"



Rocco won **Best in Show** at the Tri Valley Working Dog Club Show this January, making him #3 All Breed Swissy.

This is fresh on the heels of going High In Trial, when he earned his CD at Nationals.

Big thanks to Tina Bailey and Stephen Cabral for helping our boy shine at both ends of his name.

This Best in Show is huge and exciting for our breed. You're a great handler, Stephen.

Thank you, Judge Donelle Richards!



And Still More CONGRATULATIONS!

New Bronze Grand Champion....

GCHB RODEO's
All About North Rim
Nostalgia RA



Northern CA Working Group Assoc.,
Group 3, May 2017
Thank you Judge Denise Dean
for Recognizing Our Girl

"NEXPA"

A TOP TEN Greater Swiss Mountain Dog*.

Owned and bred by Holly and Jeff
Webb, RODEO. Three Rivers, CA
www.rodeoswissy.com

Presented by
Jean Gauchat-Hargis

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BULLDOGGER

*Canine Chronicle May 2017 AB Breed Standings



Our puppy, Swiss Run's Miracle Dust at RODEO "Pixley Rivera" was Best Puppy in Match at the GSMDCA National Specialty.

The competition was from 3-12 months, and Pixley won from the 3-6 puppy bitch class. There was a large entry of over 20 puppies.

Her parents are CH Swiss Run's All About Ridin the North Rim With RODEO RN CGCA x CH Swiss Run's Cold Beer and a Fishing Pole. DOB 1/20/2017. Owned by Holly and Jeff Webb, RODEO. Bred by Ben and Deanna Never.

MORE KUDOS

NEW CHAMPION! Alki's Velvet Polka Dot Brown "Velvet"
 b.11/20/13. Breeder Nancy Sturgis, Seattle, WA. Owner Lynne Lancaster
 Tree N Sea's Tinderbox El Roy Jet Sun (sire) x Alki's Essential Ubiquity (dam)



NEW CHAMPION! Caledonia Lily
 Bred by: Gracie Smith and Donna Zetterquist Owned by Camille Barr
 Dam: Whispering Pines Cowgirls Don't cry "Kate" Sire : Fire Dance Sudden Impact "Dirty Harry"



Sophie, Emmie and Mia earned their CGCA Titles in June in Salem, Oregon. Sophie's Rally Title—May 13th, 2017.
 Freddie-Novice trick dog and CGCU in Willits

Swissys and Their Peeps



Tim and Axel



Katie and Baker



Enzo and Trinity



Slugger and Kai



Frank and lapdog Freddie



Koda Lehman and Nate



Lady Stanley and AJ



Lucy, Maddox (7) and Mason (3)



Steve, Ayra, Sunny and Norman



Brig, Issie and Alan



Robles Family



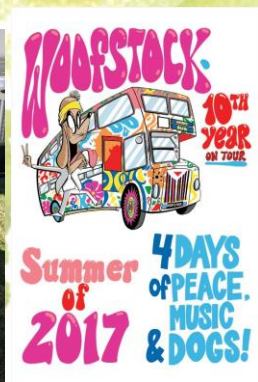
Mark and Rolo



Cody and His Baby



Bomber and Wriley



Batman-Winners Dog



Harry-Best of Breed



Velvet Brown-Winners Bitch



Bomber-Winners Dog



Luna Best of Breed



Cammy and Lily-Winners Bitch



Carol and Maya



Draven-Reserve Dog



Zeeva-Winners Bitch

Thanks to Allison Allen for coming down with Nash & being a part of a California entry!

IN LOVING MEMORY

GCH Painted Trout Grand Jury ROM
"Jury"



2011 Top Producer

5/4/10 - 6/20/17

Gone from my sight, but forever in my heart
Sleep well, sweet girl

Michele Slate
RamsGate Greater Swiss Mountain Dogs
AKC Breeder of Merit

We had to say goodbye to our sweet Nik last week. His back legs finally gave in after many months of weakness and back pain. Nik had a tumor removed from the top of his neck, near his shoulder blades, about two months ago and after having it tested, the vet confirmed that it was a sarcoma soft tissue tumor. Instead of putting Nik through heavy radiation, the doctors recommended that we watch the area where it was removed, saying that it would most likely grow back.

When I found him last Monday afternoon, he couldn't even move his back legs - they almost looked as if they had already lost all of their muscle tissue. When we took him in that evening, the doctor said that they could feel another tumor on his spine and that he was very uncomfortable. We as a family then decided that it would be best to relieve him of this pain forever.

Nikolaas was the best family dog we could have ever asked for. I know we all think our pets are perfect, but both Ben and I know that Nik was perfect. He lived a beautiful, happy life and was SO loved each and every day! Thank you both for giving us the opportunity to have Nik as our very own and experience a love that we never knew existed.

With love, the Machados XOXO



NIK MACHADO

GCHG Cornerstone's Cool Hand Luke, CGC, RN, CD 5/5/7 to 12/23/16



Luke came into this world on Cinco de Mayo in 2007 and was the happiest dog I've ever had the pleasure of knowing. He always had a big smile for everyone, everywhere and just loved walking around at dog shows or in town, making new friends out of new people. We used to say that if he ever stopped smiling, we'd know we had to get to the doggie ER. But, he never did! He was incredibly healthy (big thanks to our breeders, Pamela Cosner, Rita Rimler, and Tina Bailey) and went to the vet only for shots or senior dog check ups. He slowed down a little after his ninth birthday and needed a boost to get up into the car, but he had a blast at Nationals in Chicago this September in the Veterans class. Then, on 12/23/16, after nine and a half wonderful years, he went to sleep quietly and did not wake up in the morning.

Luke was the dog that got us really hooked on dog shows, conformation, and obedience - mostly because he loved the rings so much and we had so much fun together. Some of my favorite memories were actually those times he could lose by having just a little too much fun in the ring - he could, at times, put the party hat on and dance on the down and back! And you knew he was laughing! He also got us into bigger SUVs so that we could make those trips to seven nationals (he made Top 20 five times), Westminster's, and Eukanubas. He loved everyone, but we always felt comfortable driving across the country with him because he would give a pretty convincing warning Baroo to anyone who came a little too close to us or the car. He was a bit of a sissy Swissy in Southern California rain - he did NOT want his feet wet - but the minute he hit chest high snow back east, he barreled through it and couldn't play enough in the drifts.

He also really enjoyed fast food on the road and trying out new restaurants with doggie patios.

Fortunately, Luke tolerated our penchant for dressing up dogs in silly hats and managed with that smile to make them look so good. We miss our happy smiling boy!



Owned by Joanne Schottinger and Pamela Cosner—especially loved by Stephen Cabral.

PARIS

Grandma Paris is gone....



Ch.Five Point Red Hot Hilton would have turned 12 next week.

We are so grateful to have cared for Paris after she lost her mama Doreen Pesce just over 2 years ago. Doreen & Tony loved Paris more than life itself! Paris is the Grand Dam to our Alpinez litters and the star of hundreds of Facebook photos posted by Doreen & Tony Pesce over the past years! We are also grateful Paris had the longevity to age so well and that she passed on wonderful genes from Snowy

Mountain and our first Swissy, Timber .

Paris currently has many grand babies out there that are loved by so many of our friends and family.

Paris is rejoicing to be back in Doreen's arms and we will painfully miss her here in the pack.

Thank you to all who have written and called.

The last photo taken of her was recently from Jan.2nd with her "human baby Jaxon " she has helped raisewe love you beautiful Paris.

Alpinez Alyssa Ashton-January 2017



Great Grand Sire Timber, Paris, Chyna (Paris Dam), Margo and Hero

Sad news. We lost **BIG BEN** today, October 31, 2016. (DOB unknown)

Alpinez Alyssa Ashton-January 2017



Ben was a very special guy who Doreen Pesce and I rescued over 11 years ago. We never found his breeder and quickly noticed he was just too special to let go. Big Ben was one of the first Swissys many people ever met. Halloween was his favorite holiday, as he adored all children coming to the door. He was known to lean guests (especially children) into the corner or against a wall to protect, own and to keep them petting him. Ben was excellent at training many litters of puppies to play and had a knack for singling out the smallest or a runt in the litter and protecting it. He was also so good with helping teenage male Swissies visitors by never reacting to their tuff guy attitudes, instead staying mellow and looking the other way.

A very stable, caring sole Ben was. We will always miss him; he raised our kids and our litters... There will never be another **BIG BEN**.



SERGEANT

Owned and loved by Jeff and Lucinda Lawson



Sergeant turned 11 in August and was showing his age. When he went out the kitchen door, he stood there pondering how he would get down the 3 steps. He often would just give up and lay down on the stoop. But his appetite was good, he still gave a great hello and would occasionally pop up to scare the cats. In the photo his insignia is for a Tech Sergeant. He has since been promoted to Master Sergeant for his excellent behavior in our military family. We miss Sergeant beyond words.

"RILEY GIRL" CH RAMSGATE BLACK DIAMOND CGC
2/8/10 - 11/3/16



With tears in my eyes and a heavy heart, I share the sad news that we lost our 6.5 year old Riley girl (Ch RamsGate Black Diamond CGC) on Thursday morning following surgery for bloat and torsion.

Wednesday night she started vomiting with no production and within minutes we felt her stomach go from soft to hard. Twenty minutes later we were at the emergency vet and she was in surgery within the hour from onset. She was doing well the next morning and we were told they were going to try to give her some food and if all went well we could bring her home. But, 30 minutes later we got a call back that she had passed. And with that, she has taken a piece of our heart with her.

We had the chance to take Maya in to see Riley and the experience left me believing that pets need to say goodbye as well. Riley taught us a lot and, though she had her issues, she certainly knew how to communicate with us and understood so much of what we said to her. All she cared about was her family.

Thank you, Michele Slate, for giving us the girl that has forever changed our lives. We are heartbroken. She will be dearly missed.
Pat and Carol



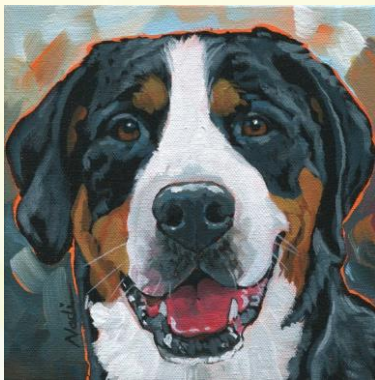
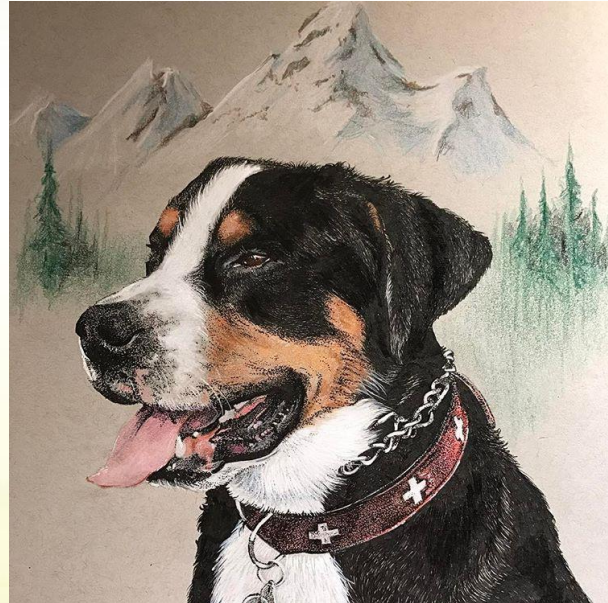


Our Swissys are beautiful!

Here is some art to prove it!

Tim (Axel's dad) gave me access to files of photos. I went through and picked one that I felt would be visually striking as a portrait. He said he wanted mountains in the background, so I added the mountains and trees when I was finished with his portrait. I like going through a series of photos to get a good feel for his look and personality. If we had been closer (I'm in WA state), I would probably have met him and taken my own series of photos. Pen and ink with Prismacolor pencil on 11x14" Stathmore gray tone.

Laura Kagawa Burke
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Abby



Holly's Christmas Ornaments

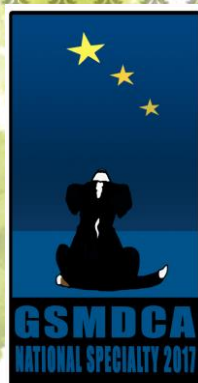


Krumpe

Swissy people have fallen in love with Nadi's work. GSMDs are the second most painted dogs in Nadi's studio behind Great Danes, the first breed she started painting. She has painted 45 custom Swissy portraits to date. She still loves all dogs and her current project, in addition to painting a portrait nearly every day, is a series of breed specific paintings showing purebred dogs in their historical landscape. She just started the series, with Bernese Mountain Dogs, and received an overwhelmingly positive response. The painting sold in one day, as did her next breed painting of Dogue de Bordeaux.

So, when will Nadi be offering a Swissy "breed painting"? Says Nadi, "I like incorporating all ages of dogs in these paintings, so several will include mothers with young puppies. Since Holly Webb lives in Three Rivers and has puppies now, and since I love taking my own photographs to paint from, naturally I want to use Holly's pups as some of the models. I'll be doing that painting soon, after take pictures of the litter growing up". Once Nadi paints her Swissy breed painting, to be set in an authentic Swiss scene including a historic barn, the painting will be available for sale, as well as a large variety of printed pieces with that image.

<https://www.facebook.com/dogartbynadi>



GGGSMD Club Member - Joel Friesch

I did four different logos for the GSMDCA National Specialty in Chicago. I also did the art for an annual trophy there. I sculpt and have a dog sculpture on my desk in progress, probably for a trophy. I was working in the film industry doing special effects for 20+ yrs as a Supervisor and Art Director here in the Bay Area. I then moved over to CG animation for a while and am now Art Director for a video game. In 2008ish I saw a Swissy running through the parking lot at work and was hooked by the size, shape and the markings, the graphic nature of the dog. So I researched the dog. In 2011 we moved to Texas for a job and we got 2 GSMDs from Marybeth Usery at Suma Kennels in MO. In 2016 we moved back to CA for my present job, ironically to the same building as the job I left. I find out I work with the owner of the Swissy I saw in the parking lot. That Swissy, is a Berner that gets shaved every summer. I am sure glad I thought it was a Swissy! My dogs are Sora, 5, and Weber, 4. My wife and I, 2 kids and dogs live in Petaluma.



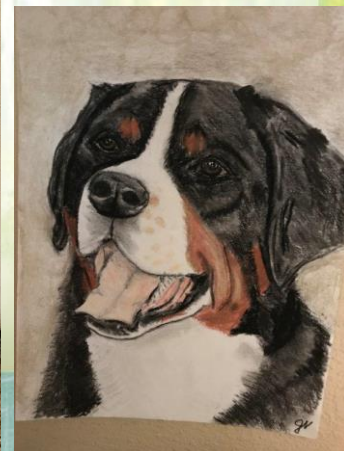
Sora-Portrait for my daughter



Joel's Swissy Logo

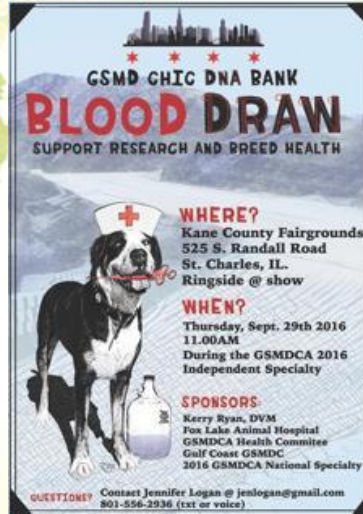


Dog Sculpture for a Trophy



Swissys by Julie Vonada

MELANIE CORDAN



Zen Pixie's owner, Melanie, uses her considerable talent drawing Swissies, Zen as model!

She did Nurse Zen for the 2016 GSMDCA Specialty Blood Draw.

The Degas "Roman Gypsy" was the model for "Fancy Animal," a digital painting assignment she did for a class.



Murdoch painting for Andrea Hansen
by Shaylene Davis

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(1) Daisy Fitzpatrick, done by an artist in Portland, OR. (2) Puppy King by Susan Robinson (3) Wookiee, an electronic painting, free hand painted, not from any one specific image, using a computer program. So the resulting image doesn't match any photo Holly Webb has of Wookiee, but it is a dead ringer for her.

YOU'VE JUST GOTTA LOVE THIS BREED!



Trekker Blits



Roscoe Jennings



Kallie Allen



Koda Lehman



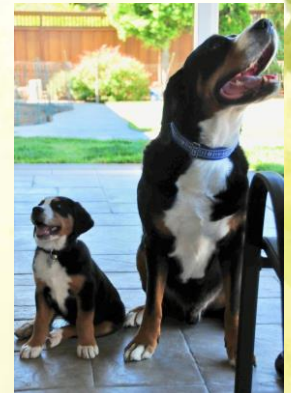
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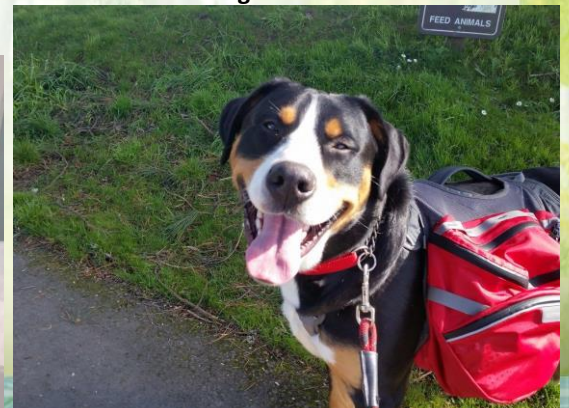
Heidi Roger



Brando Marino



Bruno Schmoltdt



Draven Gradin

Send photos anytime you get them! They are saved in your Swissy's folder for upcoming issues.

Preventing Summertime Dehydration - Nancy Kay, DVM



Stover Girls

Some of us take the phrase, “dog days of summer” quite literally—we want to go everywhere accompanied by our beloved dogs! Know that the heat of summer has the potential to be hazardous to your dog’s health. Without significant forethought and planning to accommodate higher temperatures, it’s easy for even the healthiest of dogs to become dehydrated, and dehydration can be a precursor to deadly [heatstroke](#)

What exactly is dehydration?

Dehydration refers to a shortage of water within the body. Do you know that approximately 80% of your dog’s body mass is comprised of water? Not only is water a component of what flows within blood vessels (arteries and veins), water is also an essential component within cells and the tissues surrounding them. Given its ubiquitous nature, it’s easy to understand why having an adequate amount of water within the body is essential for maintaining normal blood pressure, circulation, and bodily functions.

Causes of dehydration

Dehydration results when too little water is consumed in relationship to the amount lost from the body. For example, a dog who is sick with vomiting or diarrhea and doesn’t feel good enough to drink lots of water to make up for these fluid losses can readily become dehydrated. Kidney failure can cause dehydration because the damaged kidneys produce abundant urine regardless of how little water is consumed.

Summertime heat promotes dehydration, particularly when a dog isn’t interested in or doesn’t have access to drinking lots of water. Think about the tennis ball obsessed dog who doesn’t like to interrupt a good game of fetch in order to gulp down some water. Whereas this may not be a problem in cooler temperatures, water loss associated with heavy summertime panting can quickly result in a fluid deficit.

Detecting dehydration

Dehydration causes a variety of symptoms and dogs may demonstrate from one to all of them. Symptoms include: lethargy, weakness, labored breathing, elevated heart rate, and dry and sticky feeling gums (normal gums are slick and smooth to the touch). If you suspect your dog may be suffering from dehydration, do your best to find some shade or an air conditioned environment and encourage drinking. If the symptoms don’t improve within a short time period (five minutes at most), it’s time to seek out emergency veterinary care.

Preventing dehydration

Here are some pointers to keep your favorite Fido well hydrated this summer:

- ❑ Exercise your dog early in the early morning or evening hours to avoid the most intense heat of the day.
- ❑ Be sure to take along water and a water bowl (one that is familiar to your dog) wherever you go. Don’t rely on natural water sources being available.
- ❑ Allow for plenty of rest and water breaks during play activity and exercise. Your dog may not know his or her limits and will continue to enthusiastically chase the Frisbee long after it’s time to slow down.
- ❑ Provide water access frequently. When out in the heat, be sure to provide a water stop (for you and your dog) at least once every 15 to 20 minutes.
- ❑ If your dog is preoccupied with something else (other dogs, a tennis ball, etc.) or too excited to drink, best to cut your outing short for the sake of preventing dehydration.
- ❑ As much as you love for your dog to go where you go, be reminded that, when temperatures are soaring, your dog’s well being may best served by being left at home.

Best wishes, Nancy Kay, DVM

<http://www.pethealthnetwork.com/pet-news/our-experts/dr-nancy-kay-dvm-dacvim>

What Can I Do for Fun with My Working Swissy?

AKC Farm Dog Certification (FDC) By Andrea Hansen

AKC Farm Dog Certification (FDC) was introduced July 1, 2016. This is a fun test for all to enjoy. It's a pass or fail test in a farm setting. It requires 2 passing tests under 2 different judges. Test elements: 1) Greet the Judge 2) Perform walking pattern around farm environment/passive stranger 3) Jump on hay bale hold 10 seconds 4) Walk by farm animals 5) Walk over unusual surfaces 6) Supervised separation 7) Pass through gate 8) Handler feeds live stock 9) Reaction to another dog 10) Reaction to noise distraction 11) Approach live stock 12) Physical exam. The basic test requirements are designed to emphasize a dog's self control, confidence and trust necessary to succeed. I believe Murdoch is the second Swissy to earn an FDC. We probably had the fastest time to complete the course as well, due to my having to distract Murdoch and keep him focused away from all the sheep present. Yes, we ran the course and it was a blast.

**Grand Sieger BIS INTL CH/AM CH Rodeo's All About Murdoch A Soldier Of Fortune
BN, RN, THD, TKN, FDC, HT, CGCA, CGCU, NWPD, WWD, RATI**



SWISSY SIBLINGS Not necessarily biological...



Lucy and Gambit



Fredrick and Dixie



Norman and Sunny Strike It Rich!



Sadie and Slugger Krieschel



Likr Father, Like Son-Bomber and Jake



Sora and Weber Freisch

A LITTLE SWISSY HUMOR



Very unique species of dogwood- Known for its distinct bark, the dogwood is a very popular type of tree.
Photo: Anthony Photography in Boise



The Tail End



Egg Hunt



The Pixley Skunk



[SWISS PUPPY PACK HIKING VIDEO](#)

GGGSMD CLUB PACK HIKE—MAY 2017—LOWER LAKE, CA



Starting Out



The Hikers



Erin and Enzo



Lisa and Brig



Julie and Freddie



Patrick



Carol and Maya



Kim and Zeeva



Oops!



Resting and Relaxing



Lights Out!



Wake Up Time!



We Did It!



Pack Hike Patch

**THE SATURDAY
EVENING POST**



SIGNS OF DOG SICKNESS

Signs start with a change in your pet's routine behavior and attitude.

Watch for:

Decreased energy or activity level
Changes in appetite or water intake
Changes in behavior: hiding, refusing to play, becoming aggressive
Vomiting, diarrhea or straining to urinate or defecate
Poor coat quality, patchy hair loss or excessive scratching
Weight loss
Foul odor coming from the mouth, ears or skin
Abnormal whining or crying

Bruno Schmoldt



Geneva Zetterquist



Norman Logan/Borst



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